

Community Report On Substance Abuse

Newark Substance Abuse Work Group

A Newark Fighting Back Partnership, Inc. Collaboration

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Concerned Citizen:

We are pleased to present the first Community Report produced by the Newark Substance Abuse Work Group (NSAWG) which is a collaborative initiative coordinated by the Newark Fighting Back Partnership, Inc. (NFBP). The NSAWG brings together a variety of public and private institutions and agencies to study community indicators. Simply put, indicators provide a picture of the risk factors and impact of substance abuse in our community. The data it included in this report can help us better understand the community's substance abuse problems and develop strategies to address them.

The purpose of this report is to collect, analyze, disseminate data and provide an overview about the abuse of illegal drugs and alcohol in the city of Newark. The NSAWG also monitors the ongoing impact of substance abuse in the community. This will be accomplished by publishing follow-up reports to provide an update of the impact of illegal drugs and alcohol in the city of Newark.

The NSAWG selected the indicators in the community report because they reflect a sampling of some of the major areas adversely affected by substance abuse. While the indicators are not absolutely definitive in identifying the extent of the problem, the NSAWG believes that they provide a comparison of past and current conditions and a general assessment of the negative impact of a problem that has plagued our community for too long.

This report is intended to serve as a tool to encourage the Newark community to engage in meaningful discussions, planning and implementation of prevention and treatment strategies to reduce the harm associated with substance abuse. NFBP is committed to convene, support and collaborate with all organizations, institutions and residents in the community to improve the living conditions and environment in the city of Newark by addressing the problem of substance abuse through coordinated and comprehensive strategies.

Larry L. Bemby, Esq., Executive Director
Newark Fighting Back Partnership Inc.
Newark, New Jersey
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A MESSAGE FROM NSAWG

On behalf of the Newark Substance Abuse Work Group I would like to present this Community report to the Newark Fighting Back Partnership, Inc.'s board of trustees and the Newark community. The Newark Substance Abuse Work Group has been created to foster an environment where the many important institutions and organizations in Newark and the State can collaborate in helping define and track substance abuse trends in the City. This trend tracking will lead to a better representation of the true existence of substance abuse in Newark. Moreover, the team, through data collection and sharing, can foresee upcoming shifts in the substance abuse trends and serve as an early identification network.

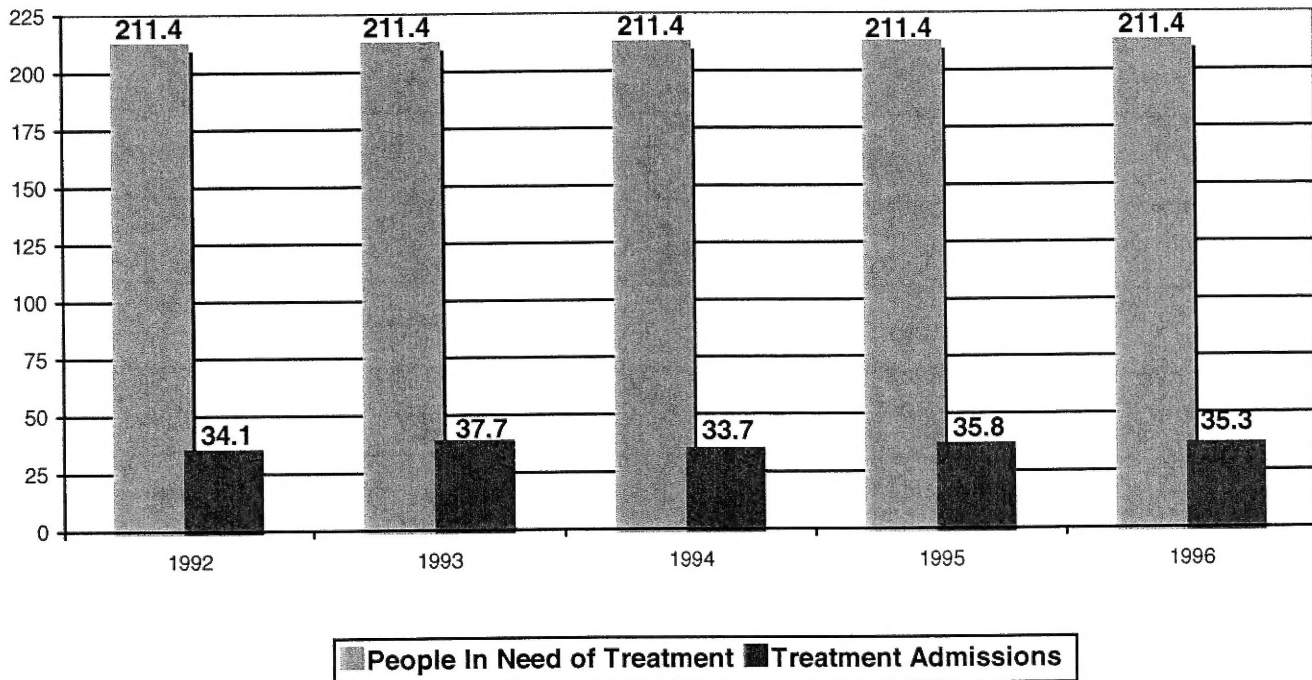
Raymond John Hayling, II
Director of Management Information Systems
NFBP, Inc.

INDICATOR 2

PEOPLE IN NEED OF TREATMENT

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Number of People In Need of Treatment and the Actual Number of Treatment Admissions for Newark per 1,000 Newark Residents



Remarks

This graph illustrates that 21.1 out of every 100 Newark residents needs treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse and only approximately 3.5 out of 100 receive treatment. The actual number of treatment admissions has never reached more than 17.8 percent (1993) of the estimated need for treatment.

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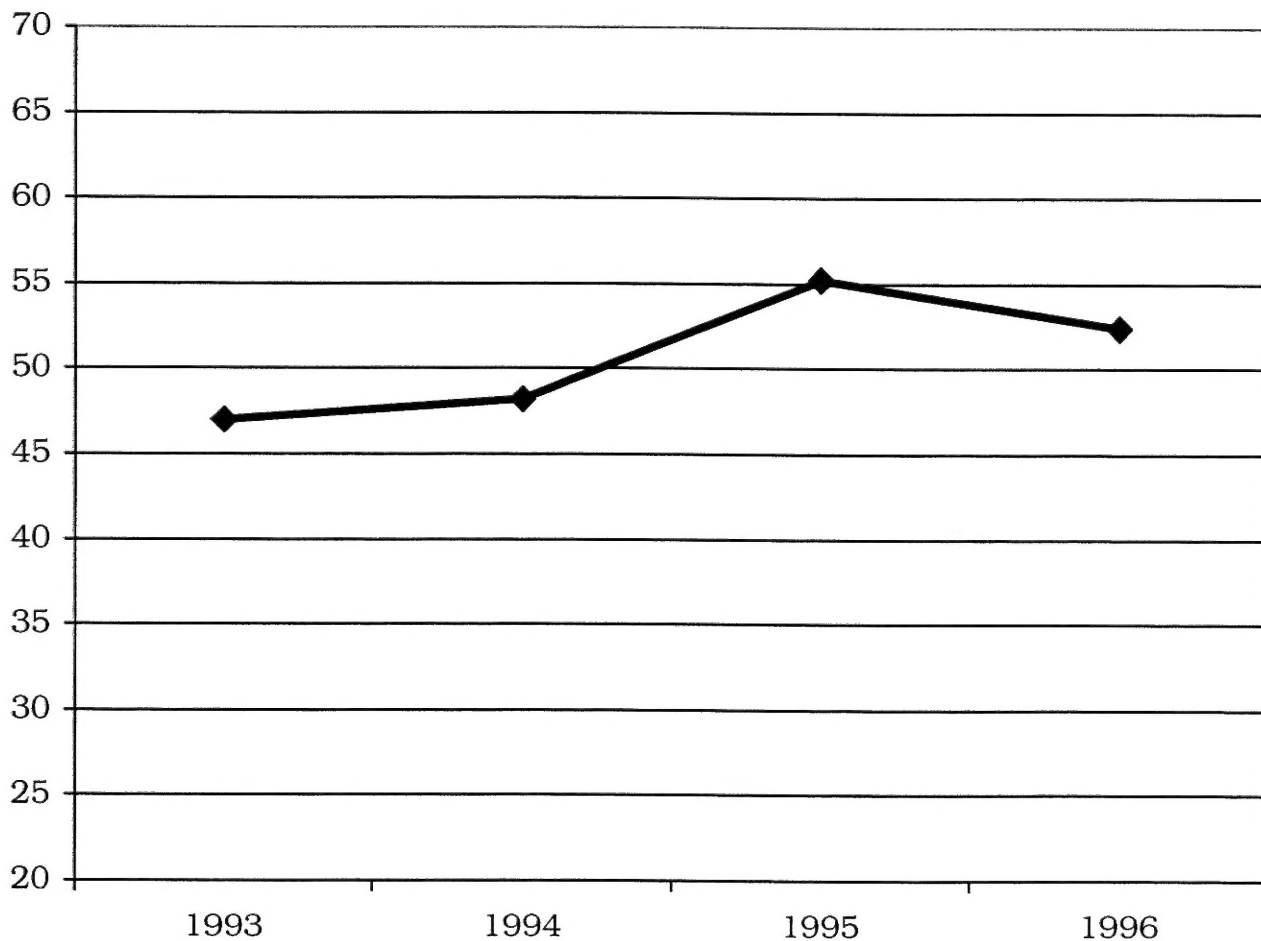
The number of people in need of treatment was obtained from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and is an estimate.

INDICATOR 3

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-RELATED HOSPITAL EPISODES

Source: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)

Emergency Room Drug Episodes per 1,000 Newark Residents



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This graph illustrates the number of Emergency Room Drug Episodes in Newark per 1000 Newark residents. On average there is 1 emergency room drug episode for every 25 Newark residents according to the D.A.W.N. data.

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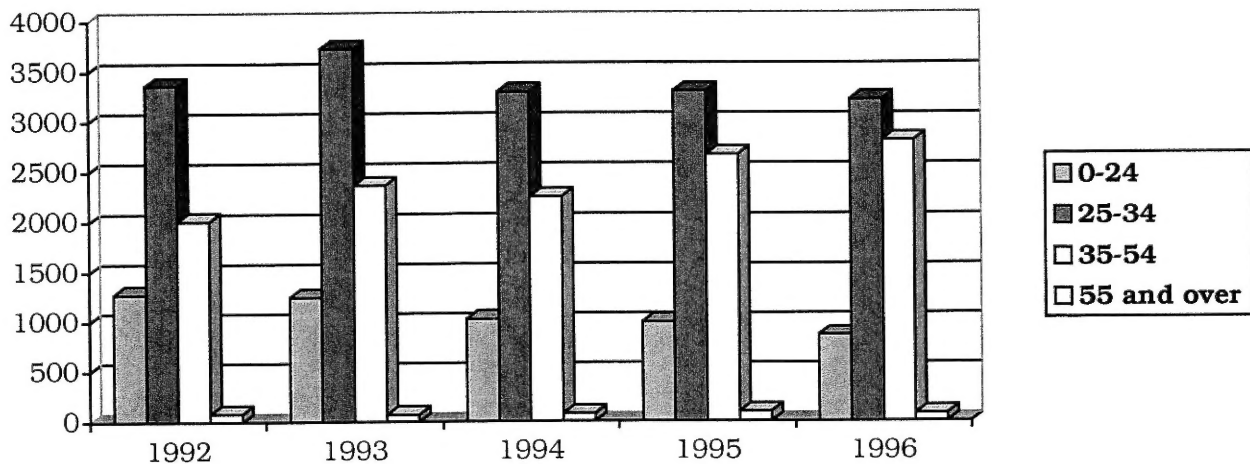
Drug and alcohol-related "episodes" are any recorded emergency room visits in which drugs and/or alcohol were listed as a primary, secondary or tertiary diagnosis. D.A.W.N. data represents a sampling of hospital admissions.

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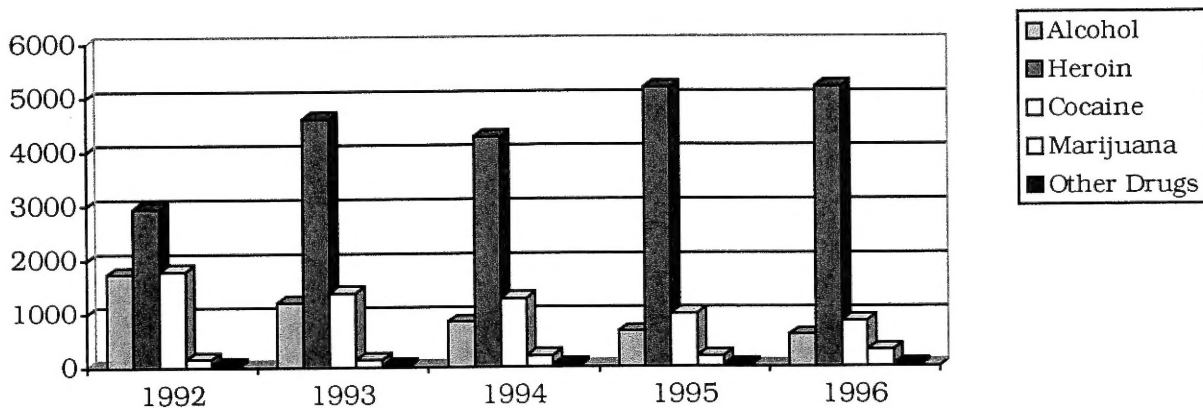
AGE AND DRUG FOR WHICH TREATMENT IS SOUGHT

Source: Treatment providers that serve Newark residents; New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, ADADS

**New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System
Age at Admission January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1996**



**New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Data System
Primary Drug Used Prior to Treatment
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1996**



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These graphs illustrate the ages of and primary drugs used by the Newark treatment population from 1992 through 1996. The largest age cohort was the 25 - 34 year old age group. Heroin continued to be the drug of choice, while other drugs declined in use.

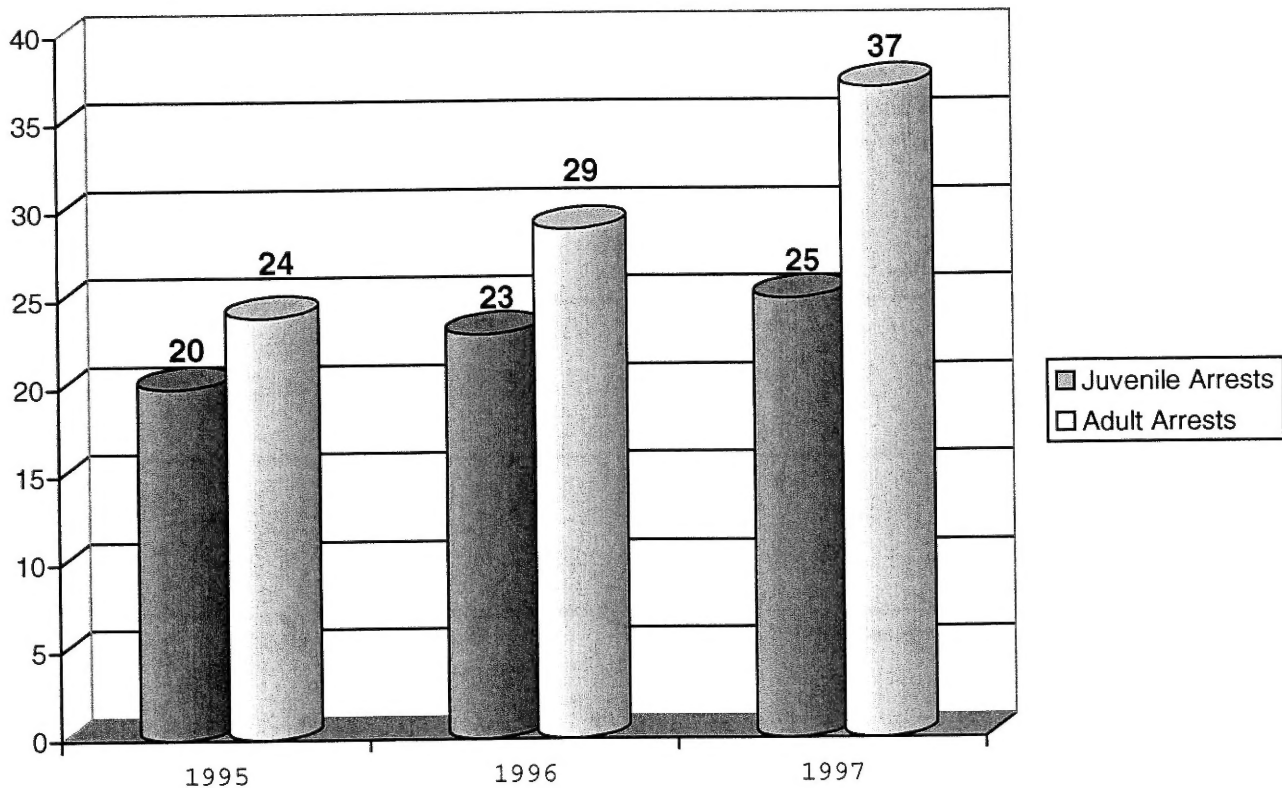
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INDICATOR 5

DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS PER 1000 RESIDENTS

Source: Newark Police Department

Adult and Juvenile Substance Abuse Related Arrests per 1000 Newark Residents January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1997



Remarks

This graph illustrates the number of substance abuse related arrests per 1000 Newark residents.

There has been a steady increase over the period of 1995 to 1997. However, the greater increase has occurred in the adult population. The average substance abuse arrest / resident ratio is 1 out of every 43 juveniles and 1 out of every 33 adults is arrested for a substance abuse related crime.

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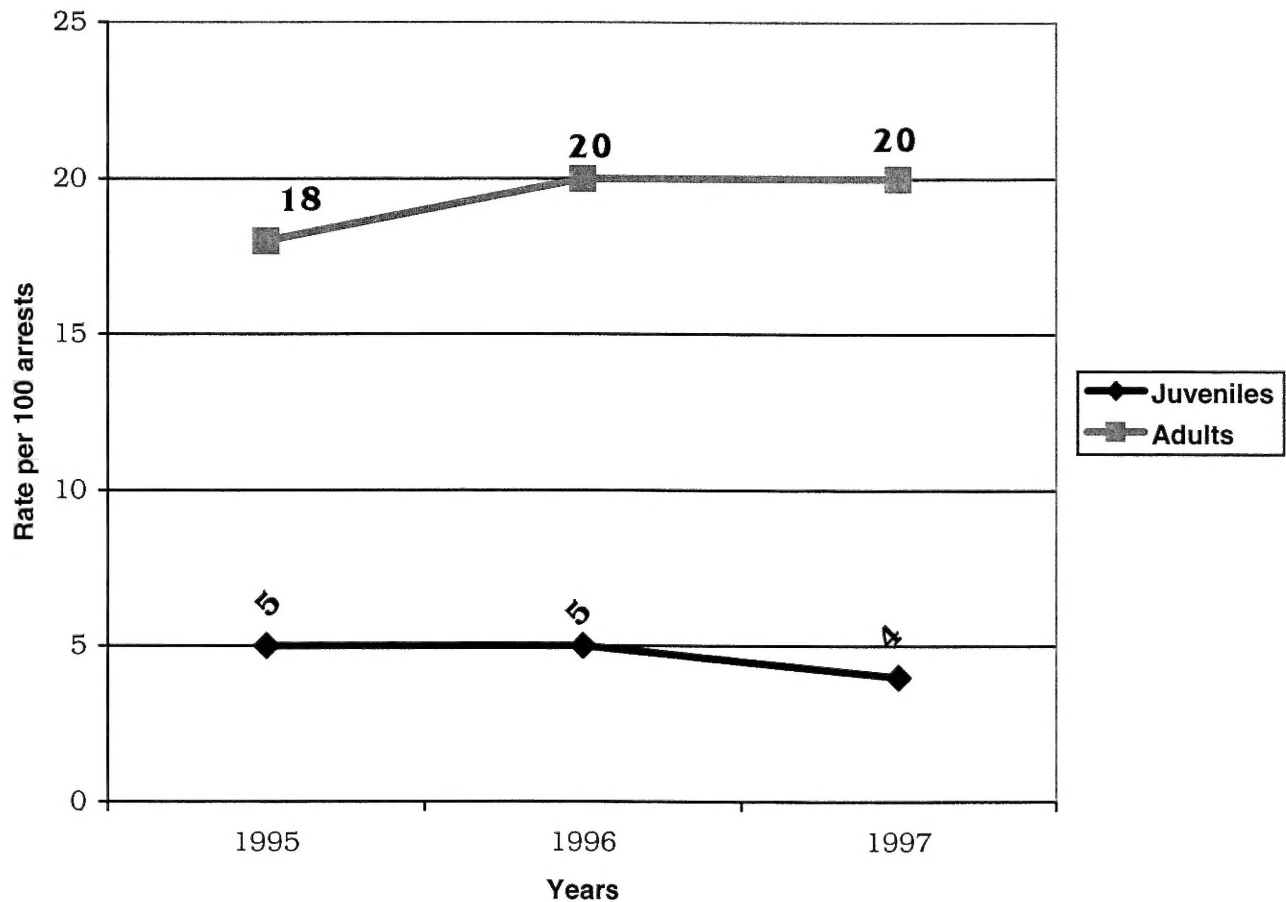
Substance abuse crime refers to drug possession and drug trafficking. Arrests include repeat offenders.

INDICATOR 6

DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS – ADULT & JUVENILES

Source: Newark Police Department

Juvenile and Adult Substance Abuse Related Arrests per 100 of All Arrests



Remarks

This graph shows that on average for juveniles 1 out of every 21 arrests and for adults 1 out of every 5 arrests are substance abuse/use related. There is a declining trend of substance abuse related arrests among juveniles. In contrast, the adult population's trend is increasing.

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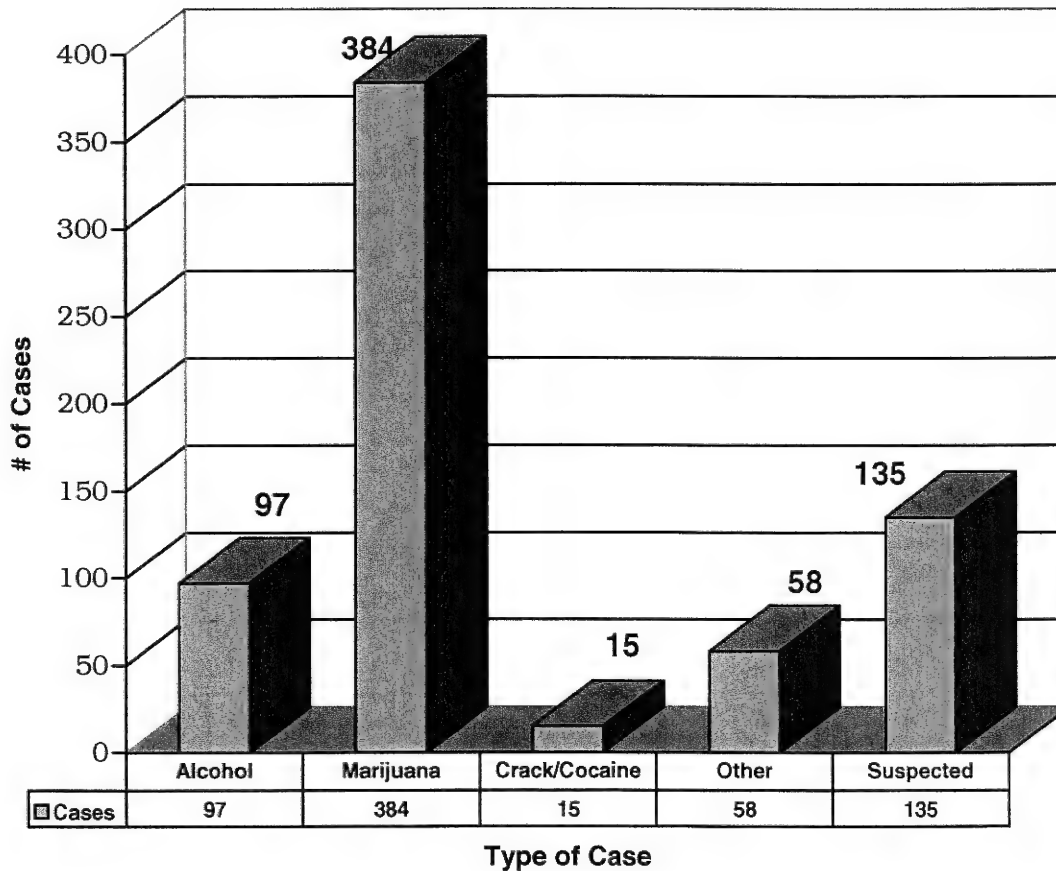
Juveniles are considered persons under the age of 18 years of age. Adult are considered persons 18 years of age or older.

INDICATOR 7

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CASES IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Source: Newark Public School System

Substance Abuse Cases Reported in Newark Schools
Through the Period of September 1997 to June 1998



Remarks

This graph illustrates that marijuana is the most prevalent drug in the Newark public school system.

In this period there was significantly high occurrences of use than possession and sales/distribution in the Newark School System. Of the 689 cases, 649 or 94% were related to drug and/or alcohol use.

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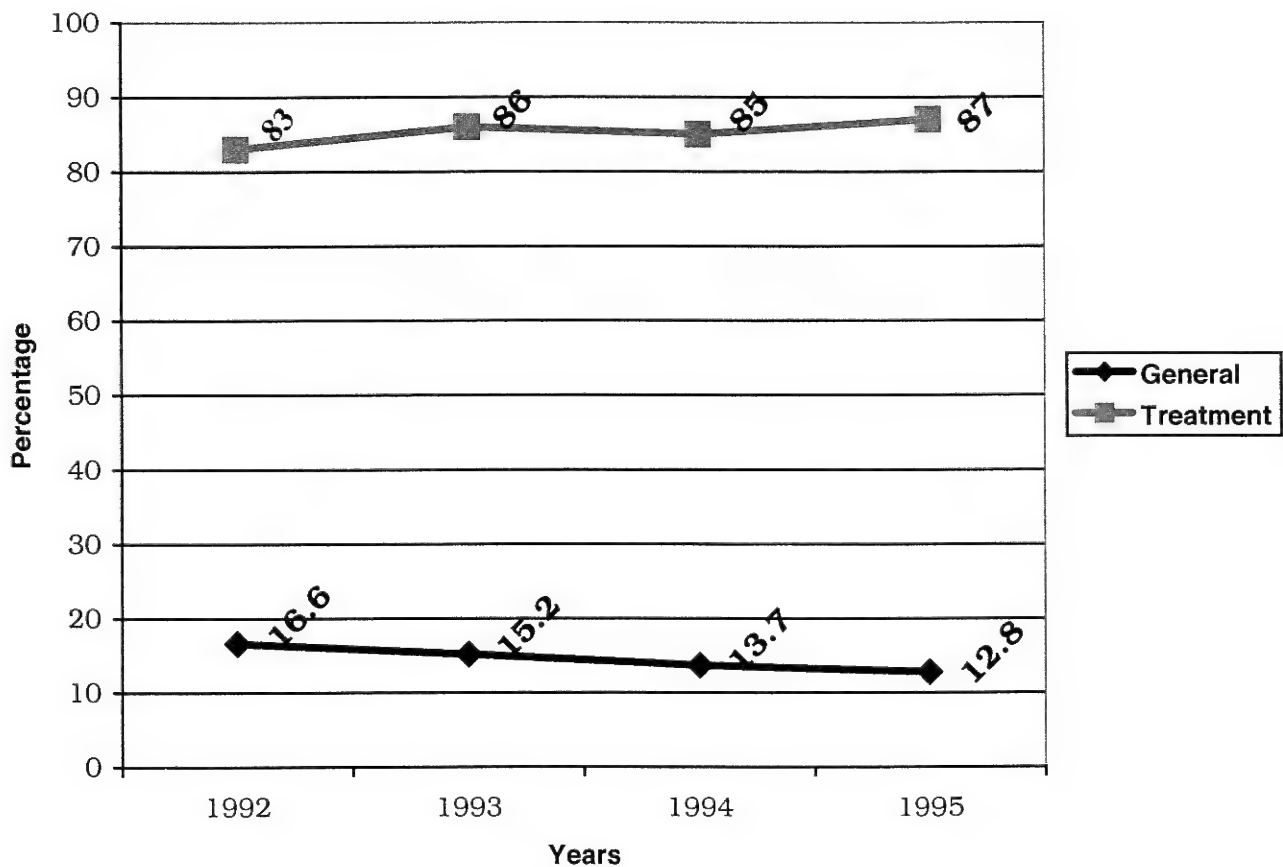
These data represent 34 of Newark's public middle and high schools. A "case" represents identification or suspicion of use, possession and/or sales/distribution of drug, alcohol and/or tobacco products. All but two of the cases listed as "other" refer to tobacco use. The remaining two in the "other" category refer to prescription drug use.

INDICATOR 8

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE NEWARK TREATMENT POPULATION

Source: New Jersey Department Labor; New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Addiction Services

Unemployment Rate comparison of
The General Newark Population vs. The Newark Treatment Population



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This graph shows that there is a downward trend in unemployment among the general population. In contrast, the treatment population shows an upward trend.

Does this mean more people are seeking treatment?

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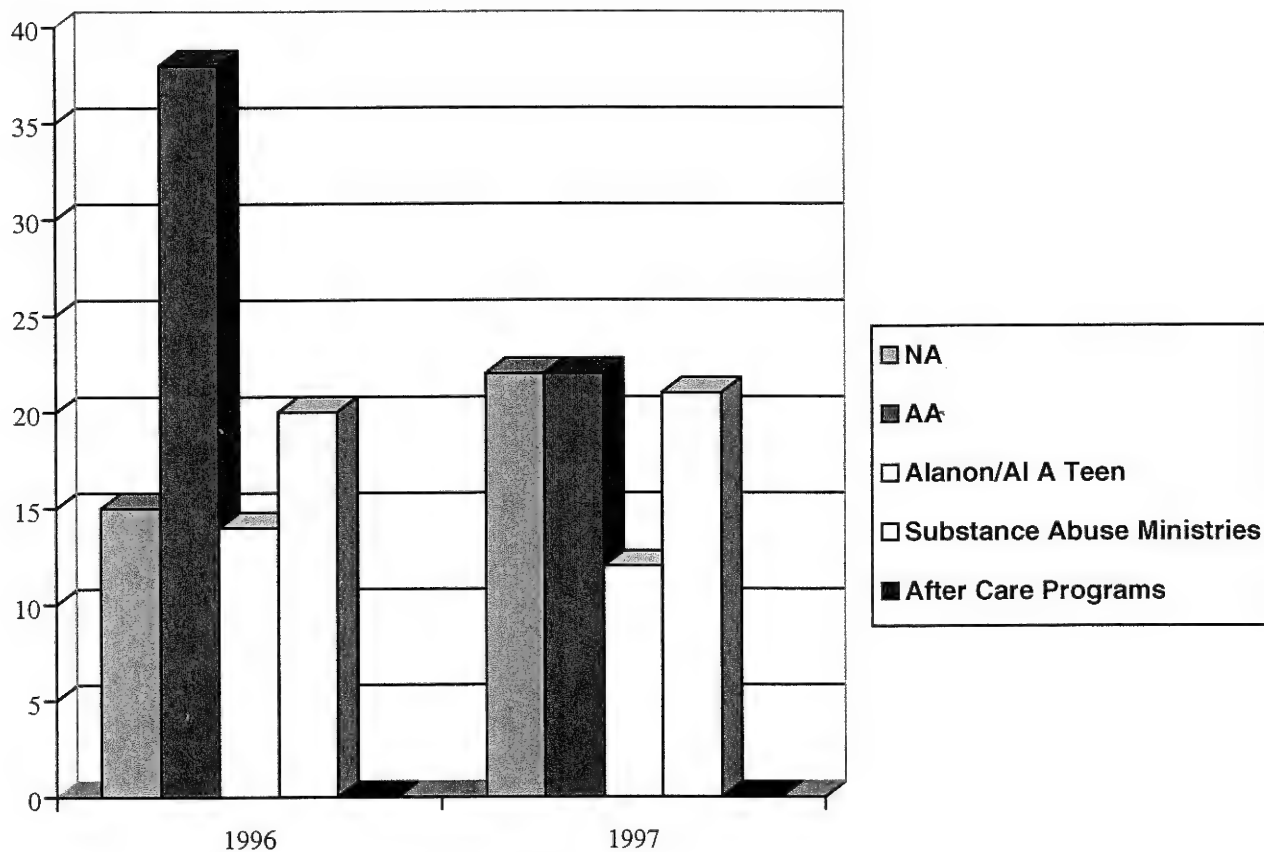
The treatment population is included in the General Population's unemployment rate. The unemployment rate for people in treatment measures their employment status prior to receiving treatment.

INDICATOR 9

FAITH INSTITUTIONS THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSING POPULATION

Source: Interfaith Clergy and Community Alliance; NFBP Faith Needs Assessment

**Substance Abuse Support Programs
in the Newark Faith Community in 1996 and 1997**



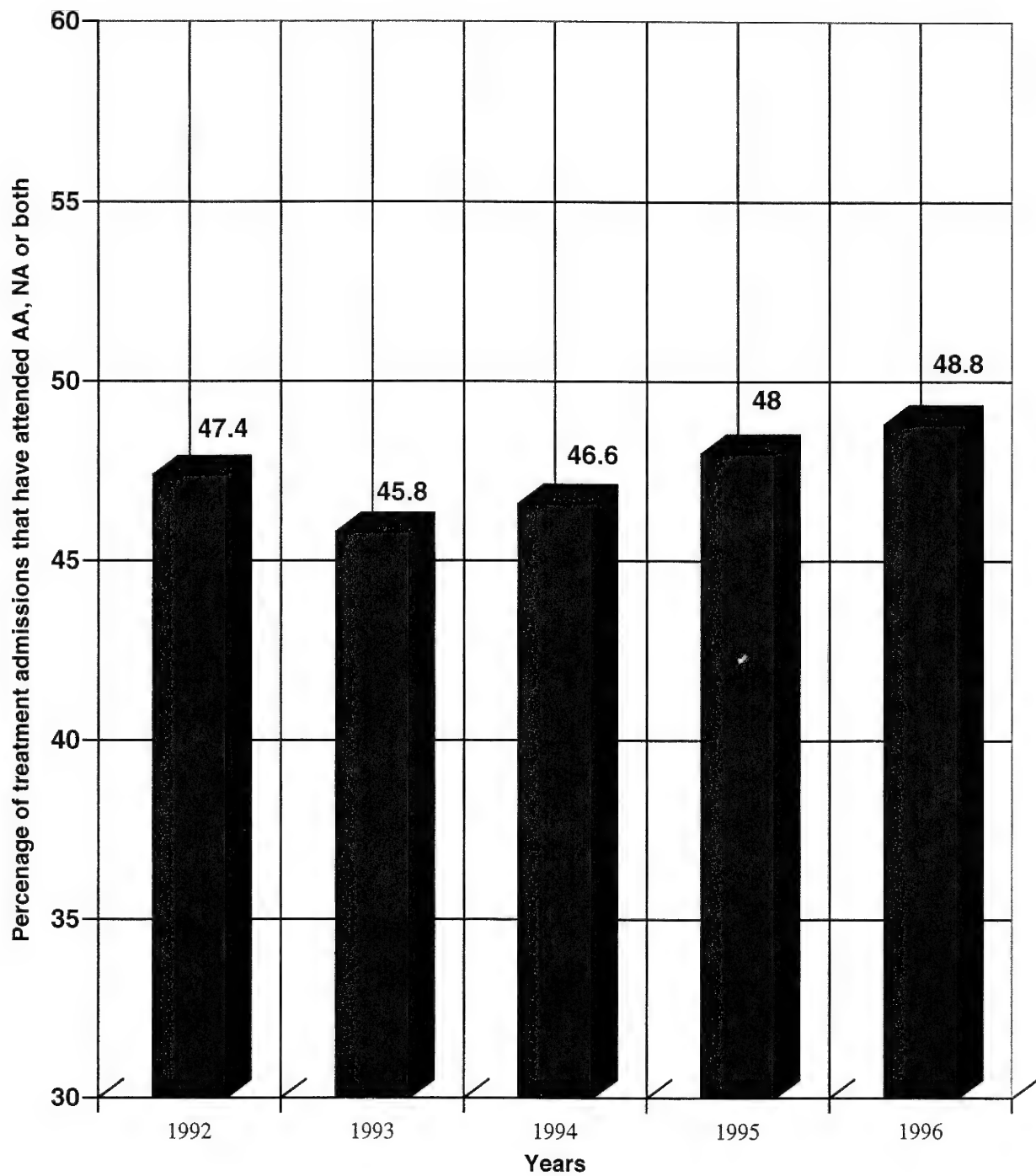
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This graph shows the amount of Faith institutions that have active programs that provide support to recovering and active substance abusers. The data cover the years of 1996 and 1997 and reflect NFBP's effort to assess and inventory faith-based substance abuse support programs.

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Data for 1996 was based on the NFBP compilation of a *Spiritual Resource Directory*. Data for 1997 was based on an NFBP Faith Needs Assessment.

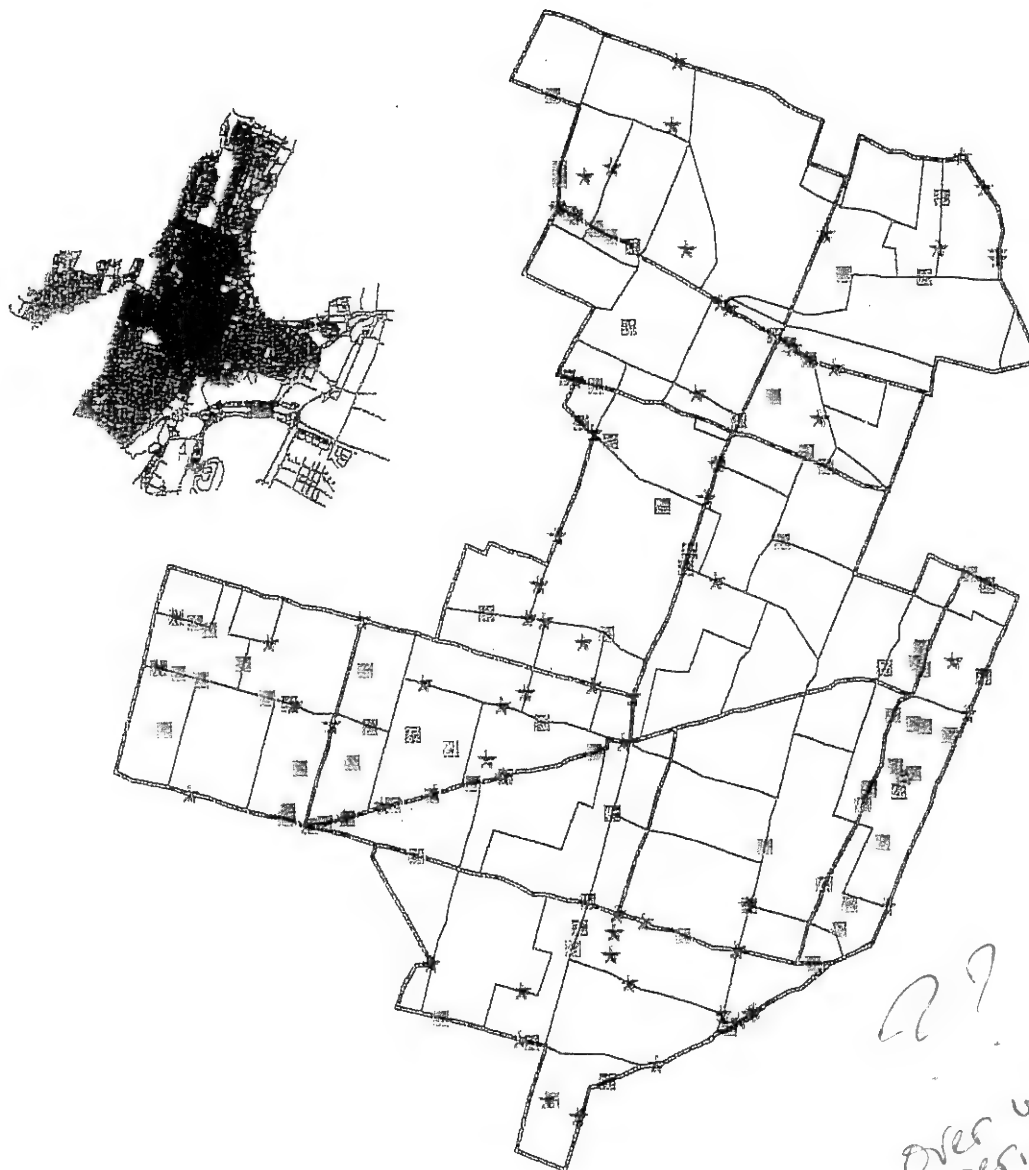
Percent of Treatment Admissions that have attended AA, NA or both.



Source: N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services, ADADS

Liquor Outlets Mapped over Newark Crime





Source: Rutgers Center for Community Development



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over what
period?

Center for Social and Community Development
School of Social Work Rutgers University

LEGEND

-  Neighborhood Boundaries
-  Block Groups
-  Robbery Location
-  Liquor Outlets

NEWARK ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES

Choices, Inc.

169 Roseville Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07104

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 481-1889 (973) 482-2385

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Halfway House services for women (with or without children),
Outpatient treatment services for men and women

C.U.R.A. Inc.

Administration Offices
35 Lincoln Park
P.O. Box 180
Newark, N.J. 07101-0180

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 622-3570

Fax #: (973) 621-8330

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Drug free
Residential: Drug Free

**Essex Substance Abuse
Treatment Center, Inc**
164 Blanchard Street
Newark, N.J. 07104

Primary Focus: Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 589-4282
(973) 589-0494

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Maintenance, Detox and Drug Free

Goodwill Home Mission
79 University Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07102

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 621-9560
Fax #: (973) 621-1924

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day/7 Days a week
Intake 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Extended care services and inpatient

Horizons
UMDNJ/University Hospital
150 Bergen Street
Room F258
Newark, N.J. 07103

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 982-4184

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Treatment services for pregnant and post-partum women and their infants

Integrity House, Inc.
Administrative Offices
103 Lincoln Park
P.O. Box 510
Newark, N.J. 07101

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 623-0600

Fax #: (973) 623-1862

Hours of Operation: Monday 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Drug Free

LaCasa de Don Pedro, Inc.
"Alternatives" Program
23 Broadway
Newark, N.J. 07104

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 483-2703

Fax #: (973) 483-5284

Hours of Operation: Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. also Evening Hours

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient treatment services

Mount Carmel Guild
17 Mulberry Street
Newark, N.J. 07102

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 596-4084 (973) 596-4037

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week

Modalities/Environment: Inpatient Medical Detoxification
Methadone Maintenance Stabilization

Mount Carmel Guild
56 Freeman Street
Newark, N.J. 07105

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 344-0514 (973) 344-1558

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week

Modalities/Environment: Halfway house services for men

Newark Renaissance House Inc
62-80 Norfolk Street
Newark, N.J. 07103

Primary Focus: Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 623-3386

Treatment: (973) 623-4286

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week

Modalities/Environment: Residential: Drug Free Youth

Salvation Army Adult
Rehabilitation Center
65 Pennington Street
P.O. Box 815
Newark, N.J. 07105

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 589-0370

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Extended care (shelter) services for men

Soul O House
178 Prince Street
P.O. Box 3278
Newark, N.J. 07103

Primary Focus: Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 643-3888

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Drug Free

Spectrum Health Care
461 Frelinghuysen Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07114

Primary Focus: Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 596-2850

Fax # (973) 596-8180

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Maintenance, Detox, Drug Free

The Guild Social Service Center
56 Freeman Street
Newark, N.J. 07105

Primary Focus: Alcoholism

Telephone: (973) 344-0067 (973) 344-0119

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a Day/7 Days a Week

Modalities/Environment: Extended care services for men and inpatient

Turning Point, Inc.
933 South 7th Street
Newark, N.J. 07108

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 374-3044

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient Treatment

UMDNJ/University Hospital
30 Bergen Street
Interim Building #14
Newark, N.J. 07167-3007

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 982-6390

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient treatment services

United Community Corporation
Alcoholism Network (UCAN)
31 Fulton Street
Newark, N.J. 07102

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 642-0181

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient treatment services

Veterans Administration
Medical Center
37 Central Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07102

Primary Focus: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Telephone: (973) 645-2420

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Modalities/Environment: Outpatient: Maintenance, Drug Free

HOSPITALS & MEDICAL CENTERS IN NEWARK

Columbus Hospital
495 N. 13th Street
Newark, NJ 07107-1397
(973) 268-1400

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
201 Lyons Avenue
Newark, NJ 07112
(973) 926-7000

St. James Hospital
155 Jefferson Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973) 589-1300

St. Michael's Medical Center
268 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 877-5000

University Hospital- University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ
150 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07103-2425
(973) 256-4300

**CITY OF NEWARK POLICE PRECINCTS
AND OTHER
USEFUL INFORMATION**

**NORTH DISTRICT
1 LINCOLN AVENUE
973-733-6080**

**EAST DISTRICT
649 WEST MARKET STREET
973-733-6190**

**WEST DISTRICT
17TH AVENUE
973-733-6060**

**SOUTH DISTRICT
254 WEST BIGELOW AVENUE
973-733-6070**

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION
31 Green Street
973-733-6216**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
973-473-2434**

**ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S HOTLINE
1-877-DRUG WAR (1-877-378-4927)**

**NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NARCOTIC SQUAD
973-733-6115**

**ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
973-623-4200**

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE, INC.
973-565-9199**